

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ILLINOIS EDUCATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

A meeting of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board ("Board") was held on February 10, 2009, at the IELRB's Chicago office at 160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, pursuant to notice having been posted as required by the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Present were Chairman Lynne Sered, Members Ron Ettinger, Bridget Lamont, Michael Prueter and Jimmie Robinson, Executive Director Victor Blackwell, Acting General Counsel Kathy Lyons, staff members Renee Strickland, Tom Allen and Eileen Brennan, and observers Bob Schaevel, Hugo Hernandez and Sangita Koparde. Observer Lisa Daykin and staff member Cindy Handy participated via telephone conference call from the IELRB Springfield office.

Chairman Sered opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m., and the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the of the January 15, 2009 meeting.

The Board turned to the next agenda items, discussion and deliberation of cases. Specifically the Board discussed:

Chicago Teachers Union (Hirshfield), 2008-CB-0002-C
Chicago Board of Education (Russell), 2009-CA-0021-C
Chicago Teachers Union (Russell), 2009-CB-0003-C

In so doing the Board unanimously voted to issue its Opinions and Orders in those cases. The Board then considered unappealed Executive Director and Administrative Law Judge decisions and unanimously voted not to take any case up on motion of the Board. The cases approved for final order were *City Colleges, 2008-CA-0011-C, Hamilton, 2009-AC-0002-S; East Maine, 2009-UC-0004-C; Columbia, 2009-UC-0007-S; Waukegan, 2009-CA-0010-C, Plumbers and Pipefitters Local #99, 2008-CB-0001-S, AFSCME Council 31, 2008-CB-0013-C* and *Decatur, 2008-CA-0034-S*.

Director Blackwell and Fiscal Officer Cindy Handy then reported to the Board regarding budget and fiscal matters which included the status of a supplemental budget request and legislative transfer authority.

Kathy Lyons then reported to the Board regarding case processing statistics and applicants to the IELRB arbitration/mediation roster. The Board agreed to defer the extern conflict of interest form to the next regular meeting.

The Board then reviewed the minutes of closed sessions held in 2008 and voted to extend the confidentiality of those minutes (yes: Ettinger, Prueter, Robinson; no: Lamont, Sered).

Director Blackwell then distributed drafts of the Agency's 2008 annual report for Board member review, and reminded the Board members of the March 12, 2009 IEA Representative Assembly.

At 10:45 a.m., the Board unanimously agreed to go into closed session pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Upon their return from Executive Session at 11:15 a.m., the Board voted to approve the annual salary increase from employee Renee Strickland.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Brennan

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ILLINOIS EDUCATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH 2009.